PTO/SB/08a/b (07-05)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE aspond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB

| Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO | | | - | Complete if Known | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | | | | Application Number | 10/723733-Conf. #9807 | |
| IN | IFORMATION | I DI | SCLOSURE | Filing Date | November 25, 2003 | |
| S | TATEMENT B | 3Y / | APPLICANT | First Named Inventor | Yoshinobu HASUKA | |
| | | | | Art Unit | 3618 | |
| | (Use as many sh | eets as | necessary) | Examiner Name | C. F. Collado | |
| Sheet | 1 | of | 1 | Attorney Docket Number | SIW-071 | |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Examiner | Cite No.1 | Document Number | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | |
| Initials* | | Number-Kind Code ² (if known) | | | | |
| | A1 | US-6,815,100 B2 | 11-09-2004 | Aoyagi et al. | | |
| | | Corresponding to B2 | | | | |
| W | A2 | US-2004/0185317 A1 | 09-23-2004 | Aoyagi et al. | | |
| W I |) | Corresponding to B2 | | | | |
| | A3 | US-2001/0051291 A1 | 12-13-2001 | Aoyagi et al. | | |
| Γ | | Corresponding to B2 | | | | |

| | | FOREI | GN PATENT | DOCUMENTS | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|----------------|
| | Cite No.1 | Foreign Patent Document | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | T [©] |
| Examiner Initials* | | Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known) | | | | |
| (MA | B1 | JP-2003-187816 | 07-04-2003 | Toyota Motor Corp | | Abs |
| C.W. | B2 | JP-2001-357865 Corresponding to A1, A2, A3 | 12-26-2001 | Honda Giken Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha | | - |
| () | В3 | JP-10-271706 | 10-09-1998 | Toyota Motor Corp | | Abs |

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

| NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|----|--|--|
| Examiner Cite Initials No.1 | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T² | | |
| M/C1 | Office Action issued March 14, 2006 in corresponding JP 2002-345752 | | | |

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

| | | / |
|---------------|------------|--------|
| Examiner (10) | Date | Wldph |
| Signature | Considered | 6/1/00 |
| | | 77 |

^{&#}x27;Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 'Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.